

## Unveiling a Hidden Collection: The Allen County Public Library's FDLP Inventory - Chat log

### Chat

**Donald Sensabaugh** -> All Participants: Don't forget the Conference Bingo <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/fall-conference-bingo-card-2022> with activities like completing the depository highlights field in the FDL Directory. Check out this video on how to update the field: <https://vimeo.com/723334959>

**Mark Ames** -> All Participants: thanks!

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: Sorry Helen - I stepped away from my desk.

**Donald Sensabaugh** -> All Participants: In order to hear the presentation, you will need to connect your audio by either dialing in on the phone or by connecting through your computer speakers. To connect, click "Audio" at the top and then "Audio conference." The pop-up box will give you the two options to connect. Follow the instructions in the box.

**Brylynn Ellis** -> All Participants: Terre Haute Indiana here

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**Donald Sensabaugh** -> All Participants: If have any questions, please add them to the chat and send them to "All Participants" or to "All Panelists."

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: Sorry - I missed it - which state?

**Beth Downing** -> All Participants: Children's librarian to gov docs as well.

**Donald Sensabaugh** -> All Participants: Jenny - Indiana

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: thanks

**Elisabeth Garner** -> All Participants: Of course!

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: Oh yes~ left half of box on right half of shelf and vice versa - on a good day

**Susan Golden** -> All Participants: CARDS!

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: I still look at our shelflist, even though it was closed years ago

**Kristina Bobe** -> All Participants: Beautiful card catalog

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: You are taking me back to 1986-1998 when I would do inventory of a small selective

**Tami Morse** -> All Participants: How many items total in those 23 drawers?

**Sarah Dobransky** -> All Participants: MVPs!

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**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: Do you send the older items to the current Regional?

**Elisabeth Garner** -> All Participants: You mentioned "Deaccessioned materials and cards recycled;" that means those materials go on a N/O list correct?

**Brent Abercrombie** -> All Participants: Yes they get offered to the State Library.

**Donald Sensabaugh** -> All Participants: What kinds of materials have you given to your genealogy department? Any specific titles?

**Brianne Hagen** -> All Participants: Are you replacing deaccessioned items in the catalog with online versions when available?

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: So many older documents contain names of individuals

**Elisabeth Garner** -> All Participants: These are great! May I use some of these for the email I send to colleagues each week about interesting/funny gov Docs?

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: These are golden

**Brylynn Ellis** -> All Participants: I actually weeded the Bill Cosby one last month lol

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: I want to add to GODORT's Weird & Wonderful guide  
<https://godort.libguides.com/weird>

**KATHY CARMICHAEL** -> All Participants: I visited the library in 2017 and this spring. The progress Jacob and Nate have made is astonishing. Great job!

**Elisabeth Garner** -> All Participants: My former student worker loved the Agriculture books too

**Brylynn Ellis** -> All Participants: I love those!

**David Isaak** -> All Participants: +1

**Ella Shurr** -> All Participants: We still have many of the Agriculture books!

**Kristina Bobe** -> All Participants: The tape :(

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: Amazing that you have funding in budget for this!

**Brylynn Ellis** -> All Participants: I have a decent collection of materials from the Unamerican Activities Committee (Cold War) Y.4's that I'm wrapping my brain around to preserve. The poor materials are turning into confetti

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: @Brylynn - luckily most of those have been digitized

**Elisabeth Garner** -> All Participants: @Brylynn, not sure if this would be of interest, but a colleague of mine at East Carolina University has created this LibGuide on the Cold War:  
<https://libguides.ecu.edu/cwis>

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: Thanks Elisabeth

**Brylynn Ellis** -> All Participants: Yes we do!

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: please consider offering pamphlets to N&O, eXchange. Pamphlets are important in research.

**Shawn King** -> All Participants: How many catalogers work on this project for you?

**Abigail McDermott** -> All Participants: This is a very impressive collection management project. Thank you for your service to the National Collection.

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: Honor and responsibility to house - so nice to hear

**David Walls** -> All Participants: Metrics for a project or effort like this are important for libraries to replicate the whole or a part of your successful methods. Sharing how many FTE's, time and methods would be valuable.

**David Walls** -> All Participants: This is an incredibly valuable effort toward right-sizing and preserving the National Collection.

**Brylynn Ellis** -> All Participants: Thank you Elisabeth!

**Elisabeth Garner** -> All Participants: @Brylynn and @Jenny, you're welcome!

**Shawn King** -> All Participants: What will happen to your card catalog once the project is over? It really is beautiful!

**Brent Abercrombie** -> All Participants: It's the Light Archive Agreement,  
<https://feddocs.lib.in.us/indiana-light-archive-agreement/>

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: Please consider offering the older items nationally - esp. small items that often get lost

**Abigail McDermott** -> All Participants: That's so fun - I love that it held the shelflist all this time.

**Susan Golden** -> All Participants: Have you found any printed catalog cards from the Superintendent of Documents? They were included in materials distributed from 1904-Dec. 1905.

**Elisabeth Garner** -> All Participants: We surplussed our card catalogs, then they went to the state surplus sale, they were the first items to be sold at the monthly surplus sale.

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**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: I assume you are using a shelf list and not a public catalog.

**Susan Golden** -> All Participants: Awesome!

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: for inventory

**Trina Magi** -> All Participants: Can you give a little more detail about how you judge "historic nature"? How do determine what is or might be of historic value?

**Shawn King** -> All Participants: What tools are you using to figure out Sudoc number corrections?

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: I'm still confused about the drawers - is it a shelflist in call number order or is it a public card catalog by author, title, subject? I would assume shgelflist

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: like Shawn's question - did you keep up with corrections in the old Admin Notes?

**Elisabeth Garner** -> All Participants: Exactly! \*rolls eyes\*

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: I assume shelflist because how else could you do it

**Mary Russell** -> All Participants: I have been overseeing a recon project for a 300-year-old library for several years now and much of what you are describing rings true for me. Congratulations to you and your staff for jumping in and starting!

**Felicia Martin** -> All Participants: Besides physical displays, do you have any other plans for promoting the collection or areas of the collection? (i.e. Facebook, Twitter)

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: I learned about SuDoc in library school - after 14 years of support staff in fed docs

**Brylynn Ellis** -> All Participants: I was a student worker in Government Documents during my undergrad and was introduced to Sudoc then. Nothing about it was brought up in grad school about it

**Sheila Dorsey** -> All Participants: I'm sorry if I missed this, but what are your circulation guidelines? Do you check out all documents, some based on the year, condition, etc?

**Shawn King** -> All Participants: I have been using the Monthly Catalog to find some of those

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: okay - numbers before letters or letters before numbers

**Lara Flint** -> All Participants: Administrative Notes or "Admin Notes" or "Ad Notes" was GPO's newsletter that laid out all the SuDoc number changes and so on

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: In 1980's and 1990s GPO sent a newsletter that included a section with corrections to SuDocs numbers. Many libraries couldn't keep up with that

**Sinai Wood** -> All Participants: Yes, yellow sheets with a section on corrections.

**Brylynn Ellis** -> All Participants: How did you get started? Did you pick by department or document type? Or basically by the card catalog?

**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: Know the |z field in WorldCat

**Elizabeth McDonald** -> All Participants: WebTech notes can help with sudoc changes

**Kristina Bobe** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Shawn King** -> All Participants: Great presentation! Thanks!

**Leslie Cunningham** -> All Participants: Your presentation was very thorough and impressive. Well-done!

**Brylynn Ellis** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Sheila Dorsey** -> All Participants: This has been a fantastic session. Thanks for the information, and for the incredible work you're doing. Really inspirational.

**Trina Magi** -> All Participants: Thanks very much!

**Mark Hamilton** -> All Participants: Thank you, this was great!

**Katie Bacone** -> All Participants: Thanks very much!

**Mark Ames** -> All Participants: Thanks! Great stuff and good luck!

**Devon Galena** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Kristina Claunch** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Bernadette Johnson** -> All Participants: Thank you!  
**Jessica Fomalont** -> All Participants: Great presentation!  
**Barb Nickolas** -> All Participants: Thank you and I chime in with beautiful card catalog.  
**Emily Tock** -> All Participants: Brilliant - thanks so much!  
**Mary Yamanaka** -> All Participants: Thank you so much!  
**Carolyn Ottoson** -> All Participants: Wonderful! Thank you!  
**David Walls** -> All Participants: Great project and presentation  
**Giulia Caspari** -> All Participants: Thank you for a great presentation!  
**Jenny Groome** -> All Participants: This is great! I miss inventory - well, I miss finding fun items while doing inventory  
**Laura Gricius-West** -> All Participants: Helen, your voice is amazing!